GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Supply of Agri-Inputs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the necessary steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of agri-inputs such as fertilizers, seeds etc. to the farmers;

(b) whether it is a fact that there would be a likely shortage of seeds of some pulses;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand and for adequate supply of seeds of pulses and other agri-inputs timely to the farmers of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (d): The steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of agriculture inputs to the farmers are as under :-

(i) Before the commencement of each cropping season (Rabi and Kharif), the Government of India in consultation with the State Government assesses the requirement of fertilisers during the Zonal Conference on Agricultural Inputs. On the basis of the assessment, adequate quantity of fertilisers is allocated to States by issuing monthly supply plan.

(ii) The movement of fertilisers are continuously monitored on web based monitoring system called integrated Fertiliser Monitoring System (iFMS). Besides, a weekly Video conference is conducted with the State Agriculture officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertiliser as indicated by the State Governments.

(iii) The gap between requirement and production of fertilisers is met through imports.

(iv) The Government of India ensures adequate availability of fertilisers to farmers. Distribution within the state is the responsibility of the state Government. The availability of fertilisers was adequate in the country during the current Rabi season. Against the requirement of 299.90 LMT for Kharif, 2016, the availability of the fertiliser was 301.50 LMT.

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(v) In case of seeds, the Government of India is assisting the State Governments and seed producing agencies for seed related activities through various ongoing schemes/programmes of the Department including National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Sub −Mission on Seeds & Planting Material (SMSP) under National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET) etc. to ensure adequate supply of seeds to the farmers. The availability of certified/quality seeds in the country for the year 2016-17 is 380.29 lakh qtl. against the demand of 353.48 lakh qtl. of all crops including pulses, as reported by States.

(vi) In case of pesticides, States are advised to ensure adequate supply of pesticides during the Zonal Conference.

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